IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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§	CRIMINAL NO. H-11-513
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			ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL		
	ion in th	is case. I c	h the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), the Government moved for onclude that the following facts are established by a preponderance of the detention of the defendant pending further hearing.		
			Findings of Fact		
[]A.	Finding	s of Fact [1	8 U.S.C. § 3142(e), § 3142(f)(1)].		
		dant has been convicted of a (federal offense) (state or local offense that e been a federal offense if a circumstance giving rise to federal jurisdiction d) that is			
		[]	a crime of violence as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 3156(a)(4).		
		[]	an offense for which the maximum sentence is life imprisonment or death.		
		[]	an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in 21 U.S.C. () \S 801 et seq. () \S 951 et seq. () \S 955(a).		
		[]	a felony that was committed after the defendant had been convicted of two or more prior federal offenses described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1) (A)-(C), or comparable state or local offenses.		
	[](2)	The offense described in finding 1 was committed while the defendant was on release pending trial for a federal, state or local offense.			
	[](3)	A period of not more than five years has elapsed since the (date of conviction) (release of the defendant from imprisonment) for the offense described in finding 1.			
	[](4)	Findings Nos. 1, 2, and 3 establish a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the safety of any other person and the community. I further find that the defendant has not rebutted this presumption.			
[]	B.	Findings o	f Fact [18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)]		

	[](1) There is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed an o				
		[]	for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in 21 U.S.C. () § 801 et seq. () § 951 et seq. () § 955(a).		
		[]	under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).		
	[](2)	condition of	ant has not rebutted the presumption established by finding 1 that not remains an example of combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the required and the safety of the community.		
[x]	C.	Findings of	Fact [18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(2)]		
	[x](1)	Defendant is	s accused of transporting stolen merchandise and laundering funds.		
	[x] (2) There is a serious risk that the defendant will flee.				
	[](3)				
	[](4)		erious risk that the defendant will (obstruct or attempt to obstruct justice) njure, or intimidate a prospective witness or juror, or attempt to do so).		
[x]	D.	Findings of	Fact [18 U.S.C. § 3142(c)]		
	[](1)	As a condit	ion of release of the defendant, bond was set as follows:		
	[](2)				

- [x] (3) I find that there is no condition or combination of conditions set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(c) which will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required.
- [x] (4) I find that there is no condition or combination of conditions set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(c) which will reasonably assure the safety of any other person or the community.

Written Statement of Reasons for Detention

I find that the accusations in the indictment and the information in the Pretrial Services report establish by a preponderance of the evidence that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and by clear and convincing evidence that that there is no condition or combination of conditions of release which would reasonably assure the safety of the community. .

I conclude that the following factors specified in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g) are present and are to be taken into account:

- 1. Defendant is a 40 year old citizen of Honduras with no legal status in the United States. I.C.E. has issued a detainer against him. He currently faces removal for illegal reentry into the United States after deportation.
- 2. Defendant's criminal history includes misdemeanor traffic warrants, misdemeanor convictions for engaging in organized criminal activity, theft, and driving while intoxicated, and 2 felony convictions for possession of a controlled substance. He previously had deferred adjudication revoked.
- 3. Defendant is charged with conspiracy to transport stolen merchandise in interstate commerce in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371, conspiracy to launder funds in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(h), transporting stolen goods (5 counts) in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2314, and structuring transactions to evade reporting requirements (22 counts) in violation of 31 U.S.C. § 5324(a)(3). He faces a penalty of up to 10 years in prison.
- 5. There is no condition or combination of conditions of release which would assure the appearance of the defendant or the safety of the community. Detention is ordered.

Directions Regarding Detention

It is therefore ORDERED that the defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with all court proceedings.

Signed at Houston, Texas, on August 9, 2011.

Stephen Wm Smith United States Magistrate Judge